

REMARKS

Claims 1-61 are pending in the present application. Claims 32-39 have been previously withdrawn. The Examiner provides that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct species. Specifically, the Examiner maintains that, the claims are directed to the following species:

- I. Species A (Figs. 1-5);
- II. Species B (Figs. 6-10 and 16-20);
- III. Species C (Figs. 11-15);
- IV. Species D (Figs. 21-25, 27, and 28);
- V. Species E (Fig. 26);
- VI. Species F (Figs. 29-33 and 38-40);
- VII. Species G (Figs. 34 and 35);
- VIII. Species H (Figs. 36 and 37);
- IX. Species I (Figs 41-45); and
- X. Species J (Figs. 46-51).

ELECTION OR RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

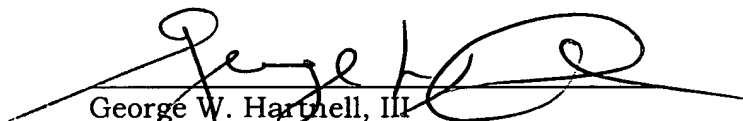
The Applicant was requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In this regard, the Applicant elects Group I, i.e., claims 1, 2, 4-7, 14-18, 22-25, and 28 without traverse. Accordingly, claims 3, 8-13, 19-21, 26, 27, 29-31, and 40-61 are withdrawn from further consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

If for any reason a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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